(b) and (c) No target for Maharashtra has been fixed.

Intermediary Scale Between Section Officer and Under Secretary in the CSS.

2205. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create an intermediary scale between that of Section Officer and Under Secretary in the Central Secretariat Service, which would deprive the Section Officers, languishing in their present scales for decades together, of the avenues of promotion to the next scale of Under Secretary;

(b) whether the Section Officer' Association of the Central Secretariat Service resorted to agitation against this move on the 1st November, 1996;

(c) whether Government would give up indifference towards interests of the Section Officers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) There is no move or proposal with the Government to create an intermediary scale between the scales of the Section Officer and the Under Secretary in the Central Secretariat Service.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Biogas Plants in Gujarat

2206. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any targets have been fixed for setting up of family-type biogas plants under the National Project on Biogas Development (NPBD) in Gujarat, during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) if so, what are the district-wise details thereof;

(c) how Government propose to achieve the targets of biogas plants under NPBD in the State;

(d) whether Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is also setting up such plants in the State; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of district-wise targets allocated by the State Government of Gujarat for setting up of family type biogas plants during 1995-96 and 1996-97 are given in the statement (see below).

(c) The steps taken by the State Government for achieving the target of biogas plants during 1996-97, include: (i) involvement of self-employed workers during monsoon period in the collection of applications from the prospective beneficiaries; (ii) involvement of Village Level Wokers in the promotion and preparation of applications; (iii) distribution of posters and leaflets highlighting the benefits of biogas plants; and (iv) organisation of farmers' meetings called Khedut Sammelans".

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission has also planned to set up a total of 1500 such plants in ten districts of the State during 1996-97.

Statement

District-wise Targets for setting up of Family Type Biogas Plants in the State of Gujarat for the years 1995-96 and 1996-97

DISTRICT	TARGET (NO. OF PLANTS)	
	1995-96	1996-97
Ahmedabad	400	470
Amreli	500	350